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Celebrating

20  
years

of the Children's Water Festival!

Come celebrate water! The 20th Annual Dayton Children's Water Festival (CWF) - a one-day science workshop to teach fourth grade students environmental values and how they can make responsible choices that help protect our precious water resources and the environment, now and for the future. In 2016, the CWF educated 1,700 students from Dayton and the greater Dayton area.

The CWF is a unique opportunity for students to learn about the value of water and environmental stewardship. Presentation topics included: the importance of water, recycling, conservation, and the different, yet connecting, roles of groundwater – storm water – wastewater – surface water. All activities are designed to encourage students to become life-long water stewards.

**"We want all the Festival's activities to challenge the students' minds."**

Twenty years ago local organizers realized the value of Dayton's water resources and the importance of teaching our children how to care for these resources for generations to come. In 1997, the Dayton Children's Water Festival was only the fifth such event in the country and the first in Ohio. Over the last 20 years, the CWF has reached more than 37,000 children in the Dayton region.



**"We want to teach our youth sound environmental values and provide them with knowledge that can be applied to their everyday lives."**

– Felicia Graham / CWF Chair / Dayton, Department of Water.

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# Children's Water Festival Committee:

Katie Norris, Dayton Department of Water  
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Through hands-on games and activities, fourth graders gained extensive knowledge on water and the environment.



## With Special Assistance From:

Mark Meister, Dayton Society of Natural History  
Laurie M. Trick, Dayton Environmental Advisory Board  
Gayle Galbraith, Dayton Department of Water







Between activities, there was still enough time for some fun and relaxation.



Over 300 volunteers and experts helped make this year's Festival a success!



## Children's Water Festival Presenters:

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Chris Rowlands, CH2M, City of Dayton Public Works-Street Maintenance, City of Dayton Water Reclamation, City of Dayton Water Supply & Treatment, Crystal Clear Science Inc., Dayton International Airport, Dayton Metro Library, Dayton Fire, Dayton Police, Five Rivers MetroParks, Former Dayton Public School teachers, Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District, Longfellow Academy DPS, Michael Bashaw, Montgomery County Environmental Services, Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District, National Park Service, NOAA National Weather Service, Ohio EPA, ORSANCO, Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, Rivers Institute at the University of Dayton, SunWatch Indian Village, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Weston Solutions, Inc., YSI Incorporated



# Source Water Protection Program



## Emcee and Welcome:

**Michael Enright**, Five Rivers MetroParks and Chair, Dayton Environmental Advisory Board

## Keynote Speaker:

**Thomas J. Lasley II**, Executive Director of Learn to Earn Dayton at the Dayton Foundation, University of Dayton Professor

Emphasized the importance of doing what is necessary for the greater good of the community and society, the importance of seeking knowledge at all age levels, and the vital importance of water resource protection for community health and economic vitality of our region; both are connected with resources such as water.



*"If we want to grow economically, then we need to have the courage to protect one of the greatest assets within the Dayton region: WATER!!" noted Mr. Lasley.*

## Children's Water Festival Sponsors:

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Arcadis, Black and Veatch, Brown and Caldwell, Cargill, CH2M, City of Dayton Department of Water, Multi-Jurisdictional Source Water Protection Board, Hazen and Sawyer, P&R Communications, Miami Conservancy District, Montgomery County Environmental Services, SugarCreek, Waste Management – Stony Hollow Landfill, YSI Incorporated



## Volunteer and In-Kind Support:

Amec Foster Wheeler, Avery Dennison, BW Greenway, Cargill, CH2M, Citizens, City of Dayton Civil Service, City of Dayton Economic Development, City of Dayton Fire, City of Dayton Human Resources, City of Dayton Management & Budget, City of Dayton Planning & Community Development, City of Dayton Police, City of Dayton Public Works - Street Maintenance, City of Dayton Purchasing, City of Dayton Waste Collection, City of Dayton Water Environmental, City of Dayton Water Supply & Treatment, City of Dayton Water Reclamation, City of Dayton Water Utilities Field Operations, City of Kettering, Dayton Dragons, Elsevier, Five Rivers MetroParks, Hazen & Sawyer, Heidelberg Distributing Co, LexisNexis, Longfellow Academy DPS, Montgomery County Environmental Services, Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District, National Weather Service, Ohio EPA, Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, RAPCA, S.E.P.B, SunWatch, University of Dayton, UpDayton, WPAFB, YSI



# Presents 2016 Honors

## 2016 Green Site Awards

Presented by Mike Powell, Interim Director,  
Department of Water, City of Dayton



On January 29, 2014, the Dayton City Commission passed a resolution: Supporting a Community Challenge to Encourage Regional Sustainability and the Dayton Regional Green Initiative. The Groundwater Guardian Green Site program recognizes green space managers on their groundwater-friendly practices. Congratulations to our Groundwater Guardian Green Sites: Kittyhawk Golf Course and the City of Dayton Well Fields.



Accepting both awards: Phil Van Atta, City of Dayton, Department of Water, Manager, Water Supply & Treatment.

## 2015 Groundwater Guardian Community Awards

Dayton's Multi-Jurisdictional Source Water Protection Program

Presented by Mike Powell, Interim Director, Department of Water, City of Dayton



The Groundwater Guardian is a community-based program sponsored by the Groundwater Foundation. Groundwater Guardian communities bring businesses, citizens, government, and educators together to work on the common goal of groundwater protection through:

- Education: Motivate for change so factually informed people, understanding the value and vulnerability of groundwater, will act responsibly on its behalf.
- Action: Implement programs to engage interest in, and inspire action on behalf of, groundwater protection and conservation initiatives.
- Innovation: Develop protective strategies towards protecting and preserving our water resources when promoting groundwater as the "Environmental Bottom Line."



The City of Dayton's Multi-Jurisdictional Source Water Protection Program has been designated a Groundwater Guardian Community for the 21st year. This could not happen without the collaboration of our partners to protect the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer.

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| • City of Dayton                             | • City of Riverside     | • Wright-Patterson Air Force Base |
|  | • City of Vandalia      | • Miami Conservancy District      |

*"The Groundwater Foundation extends its congratulations to the City of Dayton's Children's Water Festival for 20 years of educating its youth about the importance of the region's water resources. These youth will be making the future decisions regarding Dayton's water resources. Educating and motivating them at a young age is vital," said Cindy Kreifels | Executive Vice President | The Groundwater Foundation.*



# Recognition of Environmental Stewardship

## Public Technology Institute Awards

Presented by Ronda Mosley, Deputy Executive Director for Research and Government Services

Public Technology Institute (PTI), a national non-profit organization, works with local governments to provide the benefits of technology to solve specific problems thereby improving both community services and internal operations and reducing costs. PTI actively supports these endeavors by providing research, education, shared solutions, and consulting services. To find out more, please visit: [www.pti.org](http://www.pti.org).

"PTI congratulates The City of Dayton on being a PTI 2015/2016 Solutions Award recipient! This nationally-recognized program awards PTI member jurisdictions for their use of technology to improve services. The leadership and staff of PTI salutes and applauds your hard work and your participation in this important award program. The City of Dayton received three 2016 Solutions Awards for their achievements in groundwater protection and for the education of future environmental stewards," stated Ronda Mosley.

### 2016 Solutions Award Sustainability Category Winners

- Groundwater Guardian Community - Aquifer Preservation and Source Water Protection
- Regional Water Protection through Innovative Technology

### 2016 Solutions Award Sustainability Category Significant Achievement

- The Dayton Children's Water Festival - Growing Environmental Stewards with a Splash of Educational Fun



## Recognition of Past Members of the Environmental Advisory Board

City of Dayton Commissioner Matt Joseph

The City of Dayton Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) was established on November 27, 1985 with the purpose to identify, review, and advise on environmental matters concerning the City; to ensure the quality of the environment is protected, maintained, and improved.

The EAB has carried out this mission with distinction. Several members have been consistent in their involvement and have recently turned over the responsibilities to new board members.

Commissioner Joseph thanked these members for their time and commitment in providing sound advice on environmental policy and decision making.

Members recognized this year: Douglas "Dusty" Hall, founding member, Dr. Robert Ritzi Jr., founding member, Dr. Clark Beck Sr., and Dr. Peter Lurker (pictured below).



### City of Dayton

#### Environmental Advisory Board

Michael Enright, Chair, Five Rivers MetroParks  
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Kathy Arnett, CH2M  
Chad Hammerschmidt, Wright State University  
Ellis Jacobs, ABLE Law  
Ronda Mosley, Public Technology Institute  
Hillery Spearman, Citizen  
Paul Stork, Amec Foster Wheeler  
Laurie Trick, Citizen



# Celebrating 20-Years

## Closing Remarks

Tammi Clements, Deputy City Manager, City of Dayton

In the words of the Groundwater Foundation, "We educate people and inspire action to ensure sustainable, clean groundwater for future generations."

Twenty years ago the Children's Water Festival was started. This 20-year celebration is not about looking backward; it is about the future. We envision a world with sustainable groundwater and surface water; where everyone understands how water impacts their life and, in turn, acts responsibly on its behalf.

*"Every community needs access to clean, safe, and reliable water resources. There is a clear link between strategic water resource management and the quality of life of our citizens," said Tammi Clements / Deputy City Manager / City of Dayton. "Over the past 20 years, the Children's Water Festival has collaborated with local water leaders to educate over 37,000 students on the importance of preserving our water resources and by extension is creating the next generation of environmental stewards in the region."*

*"Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the CWF and for recognizing the importance of our region's water resources."*



## Special 20-Year Award Presented to Greg King

"Over the past 20 years I have had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful committee members, volunteers, and organizations - all uniting to provide this special day of learning for our area's children. We are all very proud of what we have accomplished. On to 21!" commented Greg King / CWF Committee / PH-D&MC.








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